

MAYORALTY CASE AT LAST SETTLED

George T. Wilson, Democrat, is
Bowling Green's Mayor.

Judge Weed S. Chelf Wins the Con-
test in the Ninth District of
Kentucky.

SMALLPOX TAKEN FROM CITY

Bowling Green, Ky., April 4.—Special Judge David R. Murray who had the Mottley-Wilson mayoralty contest under consideration for the past month, this morning rendered a decision in favor of the incumbent, George T. Wilson, Democrat and contestee.

JUDGE CHELF WINS.

Elizabethtown, Ky., April 4.—Special Judge Gordon, of Louisville, gave written opinion here today in the election contest case between James Montgomery and Judge Weed S. Chelf over the judgeship of the Ninth judicial district, in favor of Judge Chelf, the incumbent.

SMALLPOX FROM PADUCAH.

Gracey, Ky., April 4.—Mack Rick-
etts, a negro just returned from Pa-
ducah, has developed smallpox. The
house is quarantined and there is con-
siderable excitement.

BRITISH DEFEATED

Natives in West Africa Break
the "Square."

Russian Press Declares English Ad-
vance in Tibet is Move
Against Russia.

London, April 4.—News reached
London that there has been heavy
fighting in Nigeria, west Africa, in
which the British square was broken
and many soldiers killed and wounded
AGAINST RUSSIA.

S. Petersburg, April 4.—Novoe
Vremya and Svet today comment on
the British advance in Tibet, char-
acterizing it as a bold move against
Russia.

BAD MARKET

AS A RESULT OF THE HARRI-
MAN SUIT.

New York, April 4.—The Willing-
by suit by E. H. Harriman for the
Rockefeller forces to compel the re-
turn of the identical northern Pacific
stock deposited in the Northern Secu-
rities company, had an unfavorable
effect on the stock market today.
Prices generally declined fractionally.

PANAMA STRIKE

IT HAS REACHED SERIOUS PRO-
PORTIONS.

Panama, April 4.—The strike on
the Panama railroad remains serious
and the men at work Sunday were as-
saulted by strikers. A few men are
working at some points, but none in
Panama.

WILL BE LOCKED UP.

Joe Barnett, the negro shot by Of-
ficer Cross last week, will be brought
in this afternoon from the I. C. hos-
pital and locked up on a charge of
maliciously shooting at the officer.
He has about recovered from the flesh
wound on his left side inflicted by a
ball from the officer's pistol.

The jury at Jasper, Ind., brought in
a verdict of guilty in the trial of
George Lamp for seducing Miss Stella
Stork, of Huntington, Ind., the pen-
alty being from one to five years. The
case charging Lamp with causing the
woman's death will be called today.

THE PARKER BOOM GROWING RAPIDLY

New York World, From Tele-
grams Gives Him 800 Delegates.

The Tobacco Trust Purchaser Nearly
Three Million Pounds of To-
bacco in Kentucky.

W. B. MACK SUSPENDS

New York, April 4.—The World
sent telegrams by the score to test the
sentiment of Democrats for Judge
Parker for the presidency and replies
from every state and territory indicate
that he will have eight hundred of the
thousand delegates in the national
convention.

SWELL WASHINGTON WEDDING.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—An
interesting army wedding takes place
at Highlands this evening when the
daughter of Inspector-General Burton
will be married to Lieutenant George
M. Lee, a son of General Fitzhugh
Lee.

BROKER FIRM FAILS.

New York, April 4.—The suspension
of W. B. Mack & Co., brokers, was
announced on stock exchange today.
The failure is said to be due to the
large commitments on the short side
of Union Pacific, and some outside
personal contracts.

BOUGHT MUCH TOBACCO.

Cynthiana, Ky., April 4.—The
agent of the Continental Tobacco com-
pany in the past few days has bought
two million, seven hundred thousand
pounds of tobacco in this vicinity.
The total cost of the tobacco aggregat-
ed over three hundred thousand dol-
lars.

A DAY'S DEATHS

Mrs. Thomas Durrett Dies After
Long Illness.

Death at Massac and in Graves County
Last Evening.

Mrs. Amanda Durrett, wife of the
late J. Thomas Durrett, died at her
home of her sister, Mrs. H. C. War-
den, 824 North Sixth street, at 8:10
o'clock this morning after a long ill-
ness. Mrs. Durrett was born in
Graves county and was 42 years of
age. She had resided in Paducah the
most of her life. Her maiden name
was Miss Amanda Collier.

Mrs. Durrett left no children but
four sisters and two half brothers sur-
vived her. Her sisters are: Mrs. H. C.
Warden, Mrs. Ophelia Hefflin and
Mrs. W. F. Ellison, of this city, and
Mrs. M. E. Kilgore, of Eldorado
Kau. Her half brothers are: Messrs.
John W. Stokes, of this city, and
Mr. Thomas Stokes, of Tennessee.
She was a good woman much be-
loved by all who knew her.

The funeral will take place from
Mrs. Warden's residence, tomorrow
afternoon at 3 o'clock. The burial
will be at Oak Grove.

George McClenan Blincoe, the 10
months old son of Mr. J. C. Blincoe,
died Sunday night, at 1003 Trimble
street of pneumonia. The burial will
take place tomorrow morning at 10
o'clock at Oak Grove.

Mr. J. G. Crosswell, died Sunday
at Symsonia, Graves county, of dia-
betes. He was 50 years of age and left
a wife and eight children.

The burial took place today at
Clark's river.

Mrs. Nannie Simpson, aged 33, died
yesterday of consumption at Massac,
this county. The burial took place
today at Mt. Zion.

Mayor Yeiser was notified this
afternoon that there is a barge load of
sand here for use on the streets, and
it is supposed that work will be re-
sumed on the street paving.

BETTER WEATHER WILL INSPIRE THE HOSTILE FORCES

Russia Said to Now Occupy a Strategic
Position on Land.

Land Battle in Northern Korea is Reported Disastrous
to Russia.

BALTIC FLEET NOT TO LEAVE UNTIL JUNE

Seoul, April 4.—The Japanese
troops advancing toward the Yalu
river repulsed the Russians smartly,
only a score of Japanese being wound-
ed, and in connection with the en-
gagement at Chong Ju, in North Ko-
rea, on March 28. Much fighting oc-
curred in the town itself, which is a
big walled place. It is asserted forty
Russians were killed and wounded and
a number captured. The Japanese
losses are given as thirty.

A great body of Japanese troops
has moved northward from Chinampo
and other harbors are being used for
the landing of troops and stores,
which are arriving at Chinampo in
huge quantities.

A tramway has been laid from the
landing place and for two miles on
either side of the roadway.

A thousand coolies are busy adding
to the huge piles of war material, even
as late as yesterday.

The weather is now milder and the
land campaign will soon be in full
swing.

The Japanese fleet is still watching
Port Arthur. Doubtless it will again
try blocking the place on the first oc-
casion the weather favors. Only a
narrow passage is left. The Russians
have taken many of the 12 inch guns
out of their ships to arm the old and
new forts.

The northern seas are safely pat-
rolled.

The head of the heroic Captain
Hiro, which fell into his boat when
his body was blown to pieces by a
shell while he was leaving a sinking
bulk during the attack of March 27,
was sent to Japan by the steamer Yo-
mashiro Maru and has been buried.

It seems reasonable to believe now
that the defenses of Port Arthur have
been weakened and its early capture is
to be expected. It has now become
known that at the first attack on Port
Arthur even more conspicuous brave-
ry was shown by the Japanese than
was at first indicated. Their torpedo
boats advanced in line ahead, in three
squadrons. In the darkness two Rus-
sian torpedo boats unwittingly crossed
behind the leading Japanese squad-
ron. The rest of the Japanese flotilla
mistook them and followed the en-
emy, and thus failed to enter the har-
bor to complete the work of destroying
the Russian fleet. The three Japanese
torpedo boats which went in hav-
ing fired all their torpedoes then joined
their own fleet.

RUSSIAN GENERAL WAITING.

London, April 4.—After a visit to
one Japanese base the Times correspon-
dent wires: "As regards the land forces,
general Kurckis' army is now in a po-
sition to attempt to force a passage of
the Yalu, whenever and wherever he
may elect to strike, but it would seem
that having secured the necessary
strategic position he is awaiting de-
velopments of the second Japanese
mobilization before making a decisive
move.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—The Czar
has decided that the Baltic sea fleet
will sail for the far east July 15th at
the latest. It is stated that Great
Britain has sent assurance that the
fleet will be allowed to pass through
the Suez canal. The Ice on Lake Bai-
kal has commenced to break up.

TO PREJUDICE CHINESE.

Port Arthur, April 4.—The news-
paper Nova Krai today declares that a

new native newspaper has been estab-
lished at Shanghai for the purpose of
exciting the Chinese against the Rus-
sians. The paper will be circulated
broadcast among the immense popula-
tion of China.

THE JAPS' AMBITION.

Port Arthur, April 4.—In a dis-
patch received today it is reported that
spies with maps and notes have been
captured at several points in Eastern
Siberia in the direction of Lake Bai-
kal. This leads to the belief that the
Japanese ambition is to extend their
invasion as far as the lake.

WILL HAVE THREE ARMIES.

Kobe, Japan.—It is stated here
that the Japanese government has
260,000 troops in motion and fully
sixty thousand more under arms.
The Japanese general staff is still care-
fully guarding the plan of campaign,
but it is believed will operate three
armies.

STRUGGLE NEAR AT HAND.

Paris, April 4.—According to a re-
port received this morning the Rus-
sians have decided to not leave Wiju
without a hard struggle. This strug-
gle, says the report, is apparently near
at hand, as the Japanese are five miles
distant from Wiju.

AT GIBRALTAR.

THE JERUSALEM TOURISTS
HAVE TOUCHED ON THEIR
WAY TO HOLY LAND.

Captain Ed Farley, of Mechanics-
burg, today received from Mr. Henry
P. Nunn, of Paducah, a letter mailed
at Gibraltar March 18. Mr. Nunn is
the only Paducah man aboard the
Grosser Kurfurst, bound for the Holy
Land, and one of the few from Ken-
tucky. He reports that there are 811
passengers aboard, all in good health,
and enjoying the trip very much.
They were in sight of Maderia when
the letter was written. Mr. Nunn
left March 1 and expects to be gone
several months.

OF MILLIONAIRES

IS THE FIGHT FOR CONTROL
OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

St. Paul, Minn., April 4.—Attor-
neys for the defendants in the North-
ern Pacific suit brought by Harriman
& Pierce admit that a war for control
of that road is on among millionaires.
They say that it is Harriman against
Hill & J. P. Morgan.

Mrs. James Crow has gone to Bal-
lard county to visit her son, Mr. Will
Crow.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

(Furnished by Paducah Commission
Co., 109 Broadway.)

WHEAT	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May.....	94 1/2	94 1/4	94 1/2
July.....	87 1/2	86 1/4	86 1/2
CORN			
May.....	57 1/2	56 1/4	56 1/2
July.....	52 1/2	51 1/4	51 1/2
OATS			
May.....	34 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
July.....	34 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
COYRON			
May.....	15 28	15 00	15 24
July.....	15 45	15 22	15 44
Aug.....	14 92	14 85	14 90
Sept.....	13 65	13 59	13 60
Oct.....	12 33	12 24	12 31
STOCKS			
I. C.....			130 1/2
L. & N.....			108 1/2
M. F.....			92 1/2
O. S.....			107 1/2
U. S. F.....			58 1/2

FALL EXPECTED BY TOMORROW

River Will Probably go to For-
ty-Five Feet Here.

Danger of a Serious Flood Believed to
Be Over—Very Little Damage
Thus Far.

ALL RIVERS FALLING ABOVE

The danger of a serious flood here
is now admitted to be about over.
There is plenty of water due to come
out of the Miami river from Ohio
into the Ohio river, near Cincinnati,
but it is not thought it will be suffi-
cient to counteract the heavy fall that
is bound to begin here about tomor-
row.

The river is still rising here, but
will no doubt be on a stand by to-
morrow, if not sooner.

Reports from above show the Ohio
falling at all points except Evans-
ville and Paducah, and all the other
rivers are falling except the Missis-
sippi and Ohio, at Cairo. This is
sure to bring a decline here.

The river is now quite high, and
has completely flooded the lowlands
for many miles, but it is not be-
lieved that the damage will be as
great as some predict. Very little
grain of any description has been
sowed, and while the bottom lands
are now a sheet of rushing river, they
will doubtless soon be free from wa-
ter and better off for their bath.

Thus far the loss of cross ties has
been remarkably small. None of the
companies having headquarters in Pa-
ducah seem to have lost many, and
the danger seems to be small. The
Tennessee river has fallen about sev-
en feet in 24 hours, which relieves to
a great extent the danger to what ties
have not already been moved.

Hundreds of people in Paducah
were yesterday out looking at the riv-
er and backwater. They visited many
parts of the city and found plenty to
repay them for their trouble, as the
city is almost an island, the backwa-
ter having almost surrounded it.

Those who guessed 45 feet as the
stage to be reached on this rise were
pretty nearly right, as the river will
doubtless stop about there.

THE STAGES.

Cairo, 49.0—0.8 rise.
Chattanooga, 6.6—1.5 fall.
Cincinnati, 37.0—5.8 fall.
Evansville, 39.8—0.3 rise, now fall-
ing.
Florence, 7.3—3.0 fall.
Johnsonville, missing.
Louisville, 16.5—3.8 fall.
Mt. Carmel, 26.1—1.0 fall.
Nashville, 15.4—4.3 fall.
Pittsburg, 13.7—8.2 fall.
Davis Island Dam, 13.9—7.3 fall.
St. Louis, 33.7—0.8 fall.
Paducah, 44.7—0.3 rise.

IS VERY ILL

Postmaster General Payne May
Not Recover.

Believed Personal Attacks Made on
Him Resulted in His Illness.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—Post-
master General Payne is desperately
ill at the Arlington hotel, and close
friends say that it is exceedingly
doubtful if he will recover. They
ascribe his critical condition to the
personal attacks on him in Congress
during the past three weeks.

ALLEGED GAMESTER ARRESTED
Constable A. C. Shelton has arrest-
ed Tom Jackson, Will Price and Bill
Woods, colored, for gaming and they
will be given a hearing before Justice
Jesse Young Saturday.

Mr. C. O. Haynes, of Cairo, passed
through the city today from Smith-
land.

THE NEW PUBLIC PRINTER NAMED

News-Democrat Will be Appoin-
ted by City Attorney Harrison

10:30 Closing Ordinance Will Come
up Tonight—Regular Meeting
of Council.

OFFICERS HAVE NOT QUALIFIED

City Attorney Thomas B. Harrison
will tonight report the appointment
of the Paducah News-Democrat as
public printer, to succeed the Morning
Register, which has had it for the
past two years. Under the present
law the city attorney has the power to
appoint. When the Register was ap-
pointed by the late Prosecuting At-
torney, Jesse M. Gilbert, the News
Democrat brought a suit contesting
the appointment on the ground that
Attorney Gilbert was not the city at-
torney within the meaning of the law.
The court of appeals held the appoint-
ment of the Register legal.

The city council will hold its regu-
lar meeting this evening with two
weeks business on hand. A number
of important matters will be reported.
All the bills have been looked over,
and a number of ordinances will be
reported.

The 10:30 closing ordinance which
has created a great deal of talk, and
was repealed by the board of aldermen
a few days ago because it was declared
unconstitutional in part and was never
enforced, will come up for a vote of
the councilmanic board. The repeal
ordinance has been passed twice by
the aldermen, and now comes before
the council. As it has never been en-
forced, however, it makes little differ-
ence whether the council votes to re-
peal it or not, as it has always been a
dead letter.

THE PUMPING STATION.

The sewerage pumping station was
allowed to get full of water and thus
rendered useless by the city officials
this year, as last year. Had the river
come up as it has in several years past,
many homes would be flooded through
the sewerage pipes because of the
ignorance or indifference of city offi-
cials in handling the pumping station.

It is likely there will be no damage
now, however, other than flooding a
few cellars, as the crest of the rise,
has about been reached. Mayor Yeiser
thinks the pumps should be raised in
the station, instead of the station be-
ing moved to a higher elevation and
brat this morning that he would
bring up the matter and probably sug-
gest that the work be done this sum-
mer during low water.

It is not anticipated that there will
be any other rise of consequence this
year.

NO CHARGES READY.

Mayor Yeiser stated today that he
had no charges ready to prefer against
City Weigher Hession, and that if
any were preferred it would be before
the board of aldermen. The mayor
when the matter was brought up at
his last meeting of the board of alder-
men asked for evidence, etc., and
some of it was turned over to him by
those aldermen having it. He has not
formulated any charges of incompe-
tency, however, and says that he will
not do so until he is satisfied there is
incompetency. He said he understood
that there was more evidence ready to
be given him, and that if it is he will
prefer the charges to the board of
aldermen, probably at the next
meeting, Thursday night.

OFFICERS HAVE NOT QUALIFIED

Mayor D. A. Yeiser stated today
that the reason the newly appointed
wharfmaster and meat and milk in-
spectors have not qualified is because
both the Board of Aldermen and the
Council separately have to ratify the
election. It is not generally thought
that this is the case, as it was never
done before, according to city officials.
The officers were elected by the gen-
eral council at a joint session, and if
they have to be again elected by the
boards in separate session, they may

M'CRACKEN WAS NOT RAISED

Board of Equalization Accepted
Local Assessment.

It Began Its Work at Frankfort This
Morning and Went Over
District.

SEVERAL COUNTIES RAISED

Frankfort, Ky., April 4.—Prelimi-
nary action was taken by the state
board of equalization at noon today as
to the assessment of property in the
First appellate district.

The local assessment was accepted
as to Carlisle, Christian, Calloway,
Caldwell, Graves, Henderson, Hop-
kins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall,
McCracken, Union and Webster.

The assessment in Ballard county
was raised ten per cent. on farm land,
and 5 per cent on town lots; in Orit-
tenden, 10 per cent on farms, and 5
per cent on town lots; in Fulton, 3 per
cent on farm lands; in Hickman, 10
per cent on farm lands and 5 per cent
on town lots; in Trigg, 5 per cent on
town lots.

not be elected at all. Capt. Frank
Brown, the newly elected wharfmas-
ter, is in the city today, his boat be-
ing here for the first time since his
election.

ANOTHER PURSE SNATCHER.

A negro snatched a purse containing
\$4, from Mrs. Blanche Peabody, of
Colorado, who is visiting her sister,
Mrs. Will C. Kidd, on Madison street
between Sixth and Seventh early Sat-
urday evening. Mrs. Peabody and
sister were walking along, the former
wheeling a baby buggy, when the ne-
gro, who had evidently been following
them, suddenly ran up in the dark and
snatched the purse. He started walk-
ing away until the ladies called for
help, when he ran up an alley and dis-
appeared.

A SHOOTING SCRAPE.

Tab Shannon, colored, shot Will
Short, colored, near Ninth and Jeffers-
on streets about 8 o'clock Saturday
night, inflicting a painful but not seri-
ous wound in the left side. The trou-
ble between the men seems to have
been of long standing, but Short
claims the shooting was without pro-
vocation. The ball did not penetrate
the hollow. Shannon escaped.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Woods reports that the Padu-
cah fire departments are in as good
condition as possible, and work on
the new stations to be established is
progressing rapidly. Last night at 2
o'clock the department from Central
station was called to the home of Tac-
ite Brown, colored, 516 South Seventh
street. An out-house only was burned.

BOARDWALK REPORT.

The street inspector will tonight
make a favorable report on the propo-
sition to construct a board walk from
Broadway to Adams street on Twen-
ty-first street, and the work, if the
Board of Aldermen concurs, will be
begun.

SALOON LICENSE TRANSFER

Tonight E. W. Berry will ask that
his saloon license be transferred to O.
B. Finley, at 737 North Eighth street.
The relief committee will report on
the petition of J. R. Gray for relief
from overassessment.

WANTS A MATCH

CINCINNATI MEN LIKELY TO
COME TO PADUCAH TO SPAR.

Local sports have received a letter
from the sporting editor of the Cincin-
nati Enquirer, who agrees to send one
or two men down here to spar with
Jack Bolin, who wants to box 20
rounds with some good man. One of
the men is Jack Lutz, and the other
is also a good man. It is likely if ar-
rangements can be made the event
will be pulled off in Paducah between
the 18th and 22d of this month at the
Kentucky theater.